

From: [Fagan, Nancy](#)
To: [Cook, Brenda](#)
Cc: [Kendrick, Bret](#); [Villarreal, Chris](#); [Banipal, Ben](#)
Subject: RE: Creosote Contaminants in Alexandria
Date: Monday, August 11, 2014 12:06:24 PM
Attachments: [Colfax Alexandria LA Fact Sheet august 11 2014.docx](#)

Here is the full fact sheet attached!

From: Cook, Brenda
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2014 12:04 PM
To: Fagan, Nancy
Cc: Kendrick, Bret; Villarreal, Chris; Banipal, Ben
Subject: RE: Creosote Contaminants in Alexandria

Nancy-Thank you. You Rock. I am glad that we share "Louisiana"

From: Fagan, Nancy
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2014 12:00 PM
To: Spalding, Susan
Cc: Rush, Randall; Cook, Brenda
Subject: RE: Creosote Contaminants in Alexandria

Here is the short story:

Colfax Alexandria (also known in the past as Roy O. Martin or Durawood) – was sold to Tangent Rail, then Stella Jones (a Canadian creosoting company). **Colfax Pineville** is now owned and operated by Kisatchie. Roy O. Martin retained RCRA liability under RCRA permits for both sites – both are on the GPRA 2020 baseline.

Both Colfax sites (also known as Roy O. Martin, or Durawood) are conducting closure and cleanup under LDEQ permits with HSWA modules that require investigation and corrective action of all contaminated media, both on-site and off-site, for all Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) and Areas of Concern (AOCs). To determine the extent of contamination in soils and groundwater at potential offsite locations, ROM completed sampling in February and October 2012 at the eastern continuance of the former Chatlin Lake Canal and adjacent to Hynson Bayou. ROM sampling results show no offsite contamination; however, in subsequent EPA/LDEQ offsite surface soil sampling of May 2013, levels of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (pahs) in excess of the LDEQ Risk Evaluation Corrective Action Program (RECAP) screening levels for residential soils were reported in two offsite locations, hereafter referred to as the Hunter Park location and the Bethel Street location. In addition, air sampling for SVOCs was conducted by LDEQ in October 2013. LDEQ sent this report to Louisiana DHH for review.

CURRENT STATUS:

EPA and LDEQ met with representatives of Roy O. Martin on January 7, 2014 to discuss



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offsite sampling results. They agreed to conduct additional offsite sampling at the Hunter Street location. Subsequent conference calls with Stella Jones has led to a voluntary effort for conducting additional soil samples at the Bethel Street location.

ENVIRONMENTAL/PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS:

Both off-site sample locations are in a well-established neighborhood. Citizens have complained of past releases from wood treating operations to air, water and soil in the neighborhood. Citizens complain of a notable number of cancer-related deaths in this neighborhood, and continued releases to the environment from current wood-treating operations. Surface soil sample results show elevated levels of pahs above RECAP screening numbers at two locations. Sample locations at the near-by school were below RECAP

NEXT STEPS:

- ROM will collect samples at Hunter Park and, based on sampling results may need to remove surface soils from Hunter Park for consolidation under the RCRA cap proposed for the onsite remediation project.
- Stella Jones has agreed to conduct re-sampling of the Bethel Street off-site location under a voluntary workplan reviewed by LDEQ the first week of August 2014.
- Discuss air sampling results with LDEQ and DHH.
- If a significant amount of off-site releases are confirmed at the locations, EPA and LDEQ will discuss getting all parties to enter into a Cooperative Agreement to conduct necessary cleanup.

From: Spalding, Susan

Sent: Monday, August 11, 2014 10:50 AM

To: Fagan, Nancy

Subject: RE: Creosote Contaminants in Alexandria

So these are active RCRA facilities right? Has enforcement been involved?

Susan Spalding

Associate Director, RCRA

EPA Region 6

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From: Fagan, Nancy

Sent: Monday, August 11, 2014 10:35 AM

To: Spalding, Susan

Cc: Rush, Randall

Subject: RE: Creosote Contaminants in Alexandria

Yes, this is our (b) (6) – she wrote letters to President Obama and our recent Administrator Lisa Jackson – I talk to her on a weekly basis....

From: Spalding, Susan
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2014 10:32 AM
To: Fagan, Nancy
Cc: Rush, Randall
Subject: FW: Creosote Contaminants in Alexandria

This sure sounds familiar – any info Nancy?

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From: Edlund, Carl
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2014 10:27 AM
To: Coleman, Sam; Phillips, Pam
Cc: Dwyer, Stacey; Luthans, William; Spalding, Susan; Villarreal, Chris; Banipal, Ben; Stenger, Wren; Blevins, John
Subject: Re: Creosote Contaminants in Alexandria

We'll check....but these might be operating facilities so RCRA may have the status

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Coleman, Sam
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2014 8:29 AM
To: Edlund, Carl; Phillips, Pam
Subject: FW: Creosote Contaminants in Alexandria

Does not ring a bell with me. Please see if anyone else is familiar.

Sent from

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Sent by my Windows Phone

From: (b) (6)
Sent: 8/10/2014 3:25 PM

To: [Coleman, Sam](#); [Phillips, Ginny](#); [Anderson, Israel](#); [Tejada, Matthew](#); [Dellinger, Philip](#); [Mccarthy, Gina](#); [Braden, Dana](#)

Subject: Fwd: Creosote Contaminants in Alexandria

We need some help here this lady gave statement to the Federal hearing for the West Texas accident. Nothing has been done. Can EPA Help still awaiting response from EPA to help people of St Rose Louisiana

Best Regards,

LTG. Russel L. Honoré
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Be Prepared!

SEE Something, SMELL Something, SAY Something, DO Something!

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From: (b) (6)
Date: Aug 10, 2014 3:17 PM
Subject: Creosote Contaminants in Alexandria
To: (b) (6)
Cc:

LTG US Army (Retired) Russel L. Honore,

Dear Sir,

I, (b) (6) want to say to you, it was an honor and a pleasure meeting you in the Paragon Casino on Saturday. I had been praying everyday that I would meet someone that would give me a little time to hear this unbelievable story. When I saw you yesterday it was God saying "you better speak now or forever hold you peace", smile!!!!

My family moved to Alexandria in 1951 and I am still living in the family home. Little did my parents knew that they moved us in the middle of two creosote plants, on the right is formerly (Durawood Creosote Plant) now Stella Jones, on the left is formerly (Colfax Treating Company) now Kisatchie.

The owner of both plants is Roy O. Martin, III and he is also the largest landowner in the state of Louisiana per his own admission. This is also the same man who was recently found guilty by the Federal Justice Court for dumping chemicals into the sewer system in Pineville, La. where Colfax Treating Company is located.

This community know what he is doing to us, but too afraid to speak up! Every house someone has died of cancer from these chemicals. In 2009, I was told that my sister's home was contaminated off the charts by Atty. Steve Erwin. I got really upset and called the Dept. of Environmental Quality. My sister (b) (6), her husband (b) (6), my neighbor (b) (6) and myself are four of eleven people who prove positive for Dioxin Furan Blood Lipid. The Journal of Environmental Health has an article about us which is **Dioxin Furan Blood Lipid and Attic Dust Concentrations in Populations Living Near Four Wood Treatment Facilities in the United States**. My father died of prostate cancer, mother; breast cancer; sister; colon cancer, niece died at twenty-four of lupus. My niece (b) (6) per LSU Shreveport, said she was the sickest person in the hospital. She had blood coming from the ears, eyes, nose, and mouth. Her hair changed from black to orange. She was laying on sheep skin because she couldn't be touch, her skin would fluff off in our hand. The hospital ask the state to check her apartment for pesticides and we never receive a report. Neighbors and friends, young and older has died and

still dying of diseases contributed to creosote. There is a chemical called Quinoline, yellow and odorless which is a driver in creosote that causes tumors. Nine women in my family had to have Hysterectomies from tumors.

EPA Adm. Lisa Jackson received a package from me in April, 2010, which was forwarded to Region 6 in Dallas, also I signed a release for Senator Mary Landrieu to look into this as well, but no help.

I have a lot of correspondents and a lot of information from the state, attorneys, and the EPA, that I want you to see. We are all human being. God made us all the same. It is not our fault that we live on the other side of the tracks, and can't afford to move into a cleaner neighborhood where there is no pollution, soil contamination and bad ground water, this would never be tolerated. The doctor from Louisiana Health Unit stated to me, "This plant would not be in Landmark." Landmark is an area where homes start at 275,000 to 750.000.

Now, the attorneys we signed up with in 2003 reached a settlement without the plaintiff even knowing with Roy O. Martin, Beazer/Kopper and Kansas City Southern Railroad. If we had signed off on this settlement that would have released them of all responsibility! I believe that the majority of the 1,160 did sign. My family refused to sign anything. (b) (6) is the plaintiff of record and she at one point dated Judge George Metoyer, the judge in this case, when they were in high school.

General Honore, would you please come to Alexandria so I can show you what I'm talking about and the area? It is nothing like seeing it for yourself. I don't have any money, but I can pay for your gas to come. Please I'm asking you to help us. This situation is not just for me, but for everybody that lives in this community and for generations to come. Again, I really need your help. God Bless you and your family.

Respectfully,

(b) (6)